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BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES

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NORTH AMERICA

History of Saskatchewan and the Old North West. By Norman F. Black. xxiv and 605 pp. Ills., index. Carswell Co., Ltd., Toronto, 1913. \$6. 11 x 8½.

A detailed account of the progress of the old Canadian Northwest—chiefly historical but with much geographic material in the chapters on Colonization, Immigration, Life and Customs, Settlement and Exploration. One could wish for a better system of references. Many otherwise valuable data cannot be used for scientific purposes because of the too frequent omission of authorities. Nevertheless the spirit of the book is excellent and the story is rarely tedious. For serious purposes a location map is indispensable. But in this respect it is like most local histories. However, no other book contains such a wealth of information about Saskatchewan, and that part of it dealing with the later period is really excellent.

ISAIAH BOWMAN.

The Tourist's California. By Ruth K. Wood. 395 pp. Map, ill., index. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, 1914. \$1.25. 7½ x 5.

Starting with an account of the various routes and modes of transportation to California, the author next takes up money, languages and names, climate and seasons, hotels, restaurants, theatres, and sports of California. The counties and tourist cities of the State are considered in detail, the places of interest being described, and complete directions are given as to routes, hotels, guides, expenses, etc. To many desiring to earn their living in California the account of the poultry industry of Petaluma, Sonoma County, will be of interest. Here the profit on each hen averages a dollar a year; and in spite of the fact that, each year, the hens of Petaluma lay more than 12,000,000 dozen eggs, the demand in California alone is not supplied. There are numerous photographs and a map of California. To all interested in the State, whether for pleasure, health, or profit, the book is to be recommended.

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

The Catskill Water Supply of New York City. History, location, sub-surface investigations and construction. By Lazarus White. xxxii and 755 pp. Ills., index. J. Wiley & Sons, New York, 1913. \$6. 9 x 6½.

A record of the construction of a great water-supply system, involving problems of diverse and difficult nature, if written, as this book is, by competent authority, is of value to many students of engineering. The larger part of the book, devoted to methods of construction, the technique of organization and numerous engineering details, will interest only those who are versed in engineering science; but two or three points will interest readers of the *Bulletin* and may very properly be discussed in its pages.

The introductory chapter narrates the stages of growth of the water system from the individual well to the present magnificent plant. Between 1613 and 1774, the inhabitants depended entirely on springs and wells. The first recognition of water as a community problem came about 1658, when a public well was opened near Bowling Green. This was followed by others; but during the early years of the eighteenth century the growing population began to be distressed by the contamination of the well-water and sought to cart water from beyond the confines of the village. The 30,000 people at the beginning of the